ORDERS

Appointed by his Maieſtie to be ſtraightly obſerued, for the preuenting and remedying of the dearth of Graine and Victuall.

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Dated the firſt day of Iune 1608.

That the Iuſtices ſhall diuide themſelues into ſundry parts to execute theſe Orders.

THat the Shiriffe and Iuſtices of the Peace ſhall immediatly vpon the receit of theſe Orders, aſſemble themſelues together with as much ſpeed as they poſſibly may: And hauing conferred amongſt themſelues vpon the Contents hereof, ſhall firſt for the better execution of the ſame, diuide themſelues into ſundry companies, and take amongſt them into their charge, by ſeuerall diuiſions, all the

Hundreds, Rapes, or Wapentakes of the sayd Countie.

To appoint sundry Iuries to enquire of things hereafter following.

Item, Euery company so allotted out, shall forthwith direct their Precepts vnto the High Constables, that they shall cause the Vnder-Constables, and other the most honest and substantiall Inhabitants within the same Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake, to the number of xxxvi. persons, moe or fewer, as the quantitie of the Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake shall require, to appeare before them at a certaine place, and within as short time after the receit hereof as they conueniently may, and vpon the appearance of the said persons, they shall diuide them into so many Numbers or Companies, as they shall thinke meet, giuing instruction to the sayd High Constables to returne as few of such as bee knowen great Farmors for Corne, or that haue store of Graine to sell, as he can. And such of the persons so warned as shall not appeare, but make default being summoned, and not hauing any iust or reasonable excuse allowable by the Iustices, to be punished therefore at the good discretions of the Iustices, before whom they are to appeare.

Item, they shall first declare to the parties appearing, the cause why they are sent for, and therewith earnestly charge them in the feare of God, to apply themselues to the seruice whereunto they shall be now called, with all duetifulnesse and diligence, and without any partialitie

tie to any person: and then they shall giue them the charge following.

¶ The Charge.

YOu shall diligently and carefully enquire, and make true and due search and triall, what number of persons of euery Housholder that hath Corne in their Barnes, Stacks or other where, as well Justices of the Peace as others whatsoeuer, within the Perish of haue in their houses feeding, lying, and vprising, or otherwise to be fedde: what number of Acres they haue certainly to be sowen this yeere with any maner of Graine: what bargaines they haue made with any person for any kinde of Graine to be solde, by, or to them: to whom and by whom, and vpon what prices they haue made the same, and what quantitie of any manner of Graine, they, or any other haue in their Barnes, Grainers, Lofts, Cellers, or Floores, or otherwise to bee deliuered vnto them vpon any Bargaine.

The charge to enquire what number of persons be in the houses of them that haue store of Corne.

Item, what number of Badgers, Kidders, Broggers or Carriers of Corne inhabit within the said Parish, and whither they doe vse to carrie their Corne which they doe buy, and where

For Badgers Broggers, and Cariers of Corne.

where they doe vsually buy the same, and what their names be, and how long they haue vsed that trade, and by whose Licence and to see the same Licences of what tenor they are of.

Maultmakers Bakers, and Brewers.

Item, what number of Wault-makers, Bakers, common Brewers or Tiplers dwell within the said Parish, and who they are by name, and how long they haue vsed that trade, and how much they Bake or Brew in the weeke, and what other Trade they haue whereby otherwise to liue.

Buyers of Corne to sell againe.

Item, who within the said Parish bee the buyers of Corne, or doe vse to buy, or haue bought any Corne or Graine to sell againe, or haue solde it againe since the Feast of the Annunciation last past.

Buyers of Corne vpon the ground.

Item, who within the same Parish buyeth, or haue bought or solde any Graine vpon the ground, of whom, and to whom hath the same beene bought or solde, and at what price, and to certifie vnto vs of the Premisses, and of euery part thereof, on the day of now next comming, and to euery part of these Articles you shall bring answere from point to point.

Against such as shall refuse to declare the trueth of the matters inquirable.

And if any shall refuse to declare the trueth, of, or concerning the Premisses, or of any part thereof, to any the Inquirers aforesaid, requiring the same for their better information: the partie so required and refusing, shall be conuented before the Justices of the Peace of the said

Diuision,

Diuision, or any two of them, and sharply rebuked, or if need be, punished for his contempt. And if the party so called in question, shall not declare the full trueth thereof to the said Justices, hee shall be committed by the said Justices to the common Gaole as a person bound for his good behauiour, and so to be continued, vntill he shall conforme himselfe therein, or otherwise at the discretions of the said Justices, he shall be bound in a good summe of money to make appearance before the Lords of his Maiesties priuie Councell to answer vnto his contempt in that behalfe, for ensamble of all such disobedient persons.

Parties offending to appeare before the Councell.

That the sayd Justices of the Peace hauing receiued into their hands the presentment of the sayd Inquirers answering to euery point of their charge, shall call at certaine dayes by them to bee assigned, such persons before them of euery Parish, as vpon the presentment so made shall appeare to haue Corne to spare, and vpon due consideration of the number of persons, which euery person hath in his house, according to their qualities, and of the quantitie of Graine, that the partie hath toward the finding of the same, or otherwise to be spent in his house and sowing of his grounds, allowing to euery Householder for his expenses in his house, for euery person therof according to their qualitie, sufficient Corne for bread and drinke betweene this and the next Haruest,

A consideration of all persons that haue Corne, to determine how they shal serue the Markets with such portions as they may spare.

and for their seed after the rate of the sowing of that Countrey vpon an Acre. And then they shall charge all such as shall appeare to haue more of any kinde of Graine, then shall serue to the vses aboue mentioned, aswell Justices of the Peace as others, to obserue the orders ensuing, viz.

¶ The orders to be obserued are these, viz.

Orders to be obserued by such as shalbe appointed to serue the Markets with Corne, for the relieſe of the poore people first.

YOu shall bring, or cause to be brought weekely so many quarters or bushels of Corne, as Wheate, Rye, Barley, Mault, Peazon, Beans, or other graine, or so much thereof as shall not be directly sold to the poore Artificers or day Labourers of the Parish within which you dwell, by order of the Justices of the Peace of the Diuision within which you dwell, or two of them, to the Market of there to be by you, or at your assignement sold vnto the Kings Subiects in open Market by halfe Quarters, two Bushels, one Bushel or lesse, as the buyer shall require of you, and not in greater quantitie, except it be to a Badger or Carier of Corne admitted according to the Statute, or to a common knowen Brewer or Baker, hauing testi-

To whom Corne shalbe sold after that the poore are serued.

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monie vnder the hand and Seale of such two Iustices of the Peace at the least of the diuision, or of a Maior or other head Officer of the Citie, Towne, or Borough corporate where he dwelleth, that he is common Brewer or Baker within the same: or to such other person as shall make prouision for any Lord Spirituall or Temporall, Knight, or any other Gentleman that hath no sufficient prouision of Corne, so as the same person haue and shew vnto such person as shall haue the ouersight of the Market in that behalfe, testimonie vnder the hand and Seale of the partie for whom he commeth to the Market to make that prouision, declaring that it is for the prouision of his house, and containing the quantities and kinde of Graine to bee prouided: And you shall not willingly leaue any part of your Corne so brought to that Market vnsold, if money bee offered to you for the same, by any that are permitted to buy the same, after the vsuall price of the Market there that day, as long as the Market shall last.

No corne brought to the Market vnsold, to be carried out of the towne.

Neither shall you from the beginning of the Market, to the full end thereof, keepe or cause to bee kept any of your said Corne out of the open sight of the Market: neither shall you carry away from the Market towne any kind of Graine that was brought thither which you haue not there solde, but shall leaue the same there in the Market Towne in some place knowen, so as it may be brought into the open

Market the next Market day at the first opening of the Market, there to be solde as afore was limitted. And yet neuertheless, you shall bring to the Market such other quantitie of Graine as shall be limitted, and so continue at euery Market day the bringing into the open Market, the quantitie of Corne that shall bee limitted.

None to buy such kinde of Corne as they shall bring to sell, but by warrant vpon reasonable cause.

Also you shall not buy any manner of such Graine as the said Justices shall appoint you to sell, from this day forwards, but vpon very especiall and necessary cause to bee allowed by them, vntill such time as all and euery such maner Graines as the said Justices at this time shall appoint you to sell, bee according to that appointment and order by you sold. And if you shall not sow so much this yeere as hath beene presented that yee intend to sow, or if you now haue, or shall haue knowledge, or shall guesse hereafter at any time, either by threshing of the Mow, or Shockes, or otherwise, that yee haue more store of any maner of Graine, then hath beene presented: that then ye shall forthwith vpon such knowledge thereof had, make true relation thereof vnto the said Justices, or vnto two of them, both what portion of your seed Corne shall be left vnsowen, or what further quantitie you shall perceiue you haue, then was at the first presented.

That so soone as you perceiue you spend not after the rate of so much Corne as is limitted

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vnto you for the finding of your house, ye shall make true report vnto the Justices or two of them, how much lesse ye spend.

Ye shall buy no Corne to sell it againe, neither shall you by any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your seruants, or any other person to be a Badger of your Corne other then to cary your Corne to the Market, there to bee sold as your owne, without changing of any property. No Corne to be bought to sell againe.

Yee shall neither buy nor sell any manner of Corne, but in the open Market, vnlesse the same be to some poore handicrafts men, or day labourers within the Parish wherein you doe dwell, that cannot conueniently come to the Market townes, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shall be giuen vnto you in that behalfe by the Justices of the Peace of that Diuision, within which you doe dwell, or two of them, & to none of these aboue one Bushell at a time, and thereof you shall keepe or cause to bee kept a particular Note in writing, to whom you shall so sell weekely, and at what prices, so as the same may appeare to the Justices to be done without fraud or abuse. No Corne to be bought but in open Market.

That the Justices of the Peace within their seuerall Diuisions, haue speciall regard that Ingrossers of Corne bee carefully seene vnto, and inquisitions to bee made for knowledge of them, and that thereupon they may be seuerely proceeded with and punished according to the Inquirie to be made against Ingrossers.

Law: and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corne to sel againe, but by special Licence.

Regard to the Bakers for keeping of the Size of bread.

That they take order with the common Bakers for the baking of Rie, Barley, Pease, and Beanes according to the maner of the countrey for the vse of the poore, and that they appoint speciall & fit persons diligently to see the people well dealt withall by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Townes and places in their Weights and Assizes, hauing also regard, that the Deputies of the Clerke of the Market doe not abuse themselues in vnlawfull exactions for Weight and Measure, and effectually to enquire for and search out the default therein, and thereupon to giue order for punishment of the offendour seuerely, according to the Law: and where any notable excessiue offence shal be in the Bakers, to cause the bread to bee sold by them to the poorer sort vnder the ordinary prices, as in part of punishment of the Baker.

Bread faultie in any excesse to be sold towards the reliefe of the poore.

No Badger to buy corne but in open Market, and with sufficient licence in writing.

That no Badgers of corne, Bakers or Brewers buy any Graine,, or commune or bargaine for the same, but in the time of open Markets, and that but by Licence vnder the hands of the Justices of the Diuision where they doe dwell, or three of them, and that they weekely bring their Licence with them to the Market where they doe either buy or sell, or else not to be suffered to buy any: And that the Licence conteine how much Graine, of what kind, and for what place they are licenced to buy and cary, that

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there bee set downe vpon the Licence in writing, the day, place, quantitie, & price at which the Corne is bought, that they take but measurably for the cariage, baking, & brewing thereof, that they shew their Bookes weekly to such as the Iustices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, shall appoint for that purpose being no Bakers or Badgers of Corne, and that those within euery xiiii. dayes make report to the Iustices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, how the people are dealt withall by the Badgers, Bakers, and Brewers, and that such as haue sufficient to liue on, or that are knowen to be of any common euill behauiour, be not permitted to be Badgers of Corne, of which sort commonly the report is that there are too many, and therefore the same would be remedied and foreseene: Also that no Badgers be permitted, but such as the Statute doeth limite, and that no seruant of any be licenced to bee a Badger, except fiue of the Iustices at the least shall in open Sessions for some necessary cause allow any such, and that none at all be allowed a Badger, except hee bee allowed in open Sessions, and not to bee, as it is in many places, abused for gaine of the Clerke of the Peace, or a Iustices Clearke granted without allowance of the rest of the Iustices in their open Sessions. And furthermore, that none be permitted to buy or prouide Corne in the Market in grosse, as a Badger or Baker, Brewer, or Purueiour and such

The Badgers to shew weekly their books of buying.

No Iustices seruant to be a Badger, nor none other, but such as shall be licenced in open Sessions.

No Badger, Baker, Brewer, or

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Purueyour to buy Graine, vntill two houres after the full Market bee begun.

such like, vpon paine of imprisoment, vntill two houres after the full Market bee begun, that the poore may be first serued.

Some Iustices to be present in the Market, to see the poore relieued vpon reasonable prices.

That the sayd Justices, or two, or one of them at the least in euery Diuision, shalbe personally present at euery Market within their seuerall Diuisions, during the whole time of the Market, to see the orders to be taken by the authoritie hereof to be well obserued, and the poore people prouided of necessary Corne, and that with as much fauour in the prices, as by the earnest perswasion of the Justices can bee obtained. By this it is not meant to charge anie Lord of Parliament, being a Justice of Peace, to attend vpon any such seruice in any Market, otherwise then it shall be with his owne good will: but in all other causes tending to the execution of these Orders, it is hoped that euery person of any estate, will readily giue aduice and assistance.

Where Iustices are wanting in any Hundred, for to appoint some rich persons to supply the want.

If there shall be any Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake within the said County, within the which, or neere therunto no sufficient number of the sayd Justices of the Peace do dwell or inhabite, the said Shirife & foure Justices of the Peace of that County, shal in that case appoint some other honest Gentleman, or the hie Constables vnder-Constables, or such other, graue, honest, & substantiall persons, not being Cornmasters, dwelling within the sayd Hundred, Rape or Wapentake, as they shall by their discretions

cretions thinke conuenient, to haue the charge, in the execution of these orders there: whom they shall also instruct how to execute the same diligently and vprightly.

That all good meanes and perswasions bee vsed by the Iustices in their seuerall diuisions, and by admonitions and exhortations in Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and Ministers of ỹ Word, that the poore may be serued of Corne at conuenient & charitable prices. And to the furtherance thereof, that the richer sort bee earnestly mooued by Christian charitie, to cause their Graine to be sold vnder the common prices of the Market to the poorer sort: A deed of mercy, that will doubtlesse be rewarded of Almightie God.

That Ministers and Preachers exhort the richer sort to be liberall to helpe the poore with money or victuall needfull.

That there bee no buying or bargeining of any kind of Corne but in open Market, but only to poore Artificers and day Labourers as aforesaid, and that the Iustices in their seuerall Diuisions, do in conuenient sort restraine common Maultsters of making Barlie Mault, in those countreys & places where there be Oates sufficient to make Mault of for the vse of the people, and to restraine as well the brewing of Barley Mault, by or for Alehouses or common Tiplers in those Countries and places, as also the excesse vse of any kind of Mault, by all common Brewers, Maultsters, and common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article: And that the ouerabundant conuerting

To make Mault of Oates in countreys where there hath beene vse thereof.

of Barlie into Mault, more then may serue for necessary vse, be restreined.

And where it is informed that sundry Maltsters and others haue already engrossed and taken into their hands great quantities of Barlie, either to be conuerted into Mault or otherwise, to make their profit of it by aduancing the prices thereof: It is therefore ordered that the Justices of Peace in their seuerall Diuisions, shall vse all the care and diligence they may, to find out such Ingrossers, and to examine them exactly how much of such kinde of Corne they haue already in their handes or haue compounded for, and at what price, and where it is. And thereupon the said Justices of the Peace to take order that so much thereof in Barley as shall be thought fit in the discretion of the same Justices, bee brought to such of the next Markets thereunto, as the same Justices shall assigne, there to bee sold to the poore people of the Towne and Countrey adioyning, by the sacke or Coombe or lesser quantitie, and by no greater quantitie to any one person at such reasonable price, and with such reasonable gaine as the same Justices shall thinke fit. And such as shall be found obstinate to obey this order, to be bound with good sureties to answer the matter before the Lords of his Maiesties Priuie Counsell at some day to bee prefixed by the same Justices. And the great number of Maltsters to be reduced to fewer persons, & such as haue other trades

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to liue by, not to be permitted to vse Maulting.

No waste of bread Corne superfluously, nor any expense thereof, but for feeding of people.

That the Iustices vse all other good meanes possible that are not mentioned in these orders, that the Markets may be well serued, and the poore relieued in their prouisions during this time of dearth. And that no expense of any Graine meete for bread to feede men, be wasted vpon feeding of dogges or other beasts, neither that any bee spent in making stuffe called Starch.

None suffered to make Starch of any Graine.

That the Iustices bee straitly commanded to see by all good means, that the able people be set on worke in houses of Correction prouided and furnished, and there idle vagabonds to bee punished.

Able poore people to bee set to worke.

That the Iustices doe their best to haue conuenient stockes of money or wares, to be prouided in euery Diuision, or other places according to the Statute, for setting the poore on worke, & the Iustices to vse all other good and politique meanes within their seuerall Diuisions, to continue and maintaine the poore people in worke within the Parish, or at the furthest within the Hundred, or Diuision, and namely in clothing Countreys to charge the Clothiers, that haue in former times gained by that Trade, not now in this time of dearth to leaue off his Trade, whereby the poore may be set on worke.

Stockes of money for prouision of workes for poore people.

Clothiers to continue their workefolkes.

That the maimed and hurt Souldiour, and all other impotent persons bee carefully seene

Souldiers hurt, and impotent people, to be re-

lieued in their dwelling places.

vnto to bee relieued within their seuerall Parishes, Hundreds or Diuisions, according to the Lawe therein prouided: and that where the prouisions formerly made, and assessed vpon the housholders in euery Parish be not sufficient, it may be now for this time of dearth charitably encreased. And where any Parish is not able to giue sufficient relieke to such their poore, that parish to haue the supply of such other parishes neere adioyning, as haue fewer poore, and are better able to giue relieke. And no vagabond or sturdie begger, or any that may otherwise get their liuing by their labors, be suffered to wander abroad vnder colour of begging in any towne, field or highway; & that the Justices doe presently giue order that there be able persons appointed, & sufficiently weaponed, to assist the Constables of euery Towne to attach such vagabonds, both in their Townes, fields and high wayes, & to commit them to prison without bayle of any such, but as two of the Justices of the Peace within that Diuision shall order. And if any Townehip shall not obserue this order, for the attaching and punishing of the said vagabonds, then the Justices shall set due punishment by fine vpon the whole Townehip, or vpon such parties in the Towne, as shall be found in fault.

That no Millers be suffred to bee common buyers

Where in some parts of the Realme, diuers Millers, who ought onely to serue for grinding of Corne that shall be brought to their Milles,

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haue begun lately a very corrupt trade to bee common buyers of Corne, both in markets and out of markets, and the same doe grinde into meale, and doe vse as Badgers, or otherwise to sell the same at markets and in other places, seeking thereby an inordinate gaine, besides the misusing of other mens Corne brought thither to be groũd, by delay of grinding, or that worse is, by changing & altering of their good Corne to the worse: It is thought very necessary, that the Justices of the Peace who are not owners by any title of any Mills, nor masters or landlords to any millers, shal first inhibit all millers vpon paine both of imprisonment & fine, to vse any such trade of buying of any grain to be sold either in Corne or meale, but to charge them to continue the orderly vse of grinding of all maner of Corne that shall be brought to them, in reasonable good sort, & vpon reasonable Toll. And for better performance hereof some of the Justices not affectionated to the Millers, shall sometime personally themselues resort to the Milles to ouersee the doings of the said Millers, and compel them to doe their dueties. And where none of the Justices can, as need shall be, weekely looke thereto personally, they shall appoint certaine honest persons weekely to attend thereto, and to enforme themselues of the poorer sort, how they are vsed in this time of dearth, for their grinding and their Toll, and present the defaults to the Justices, to bee spee-

of Corne, nor sell Meale, but to attend to the true grinding of the Corne brought, and to vse measurable Tolle these deare seasons.

dily reformed with all due seueritie.

Conferences to be had betwixt the Iusticesof Peace in the Shires, and the principall Officers of Cities and Townes corporate for prouisions of Graine, for the inhabitants in Cities and corporate Townes.

Item, where there are within the circuite of any Shire, or thereto adioyning, any Cities that are incorporated as Townes within thẽselues, or any other Townes incorporate, that haue by good authoritie Iustices of Peace of their owne inhabitants, for that cõmonly such Cities and Townes haue their greatest number of housholders that are no owners of grain, but haue common Bakers and Brewers, that must of necessitie buy and prouide their Corne or Meale at the Markets neere thereto, to serue all other the inhabitants & reliants within the said Cities and Townes: For the prouision of all such Cities and Townes, it shall be necessary that the Iustices of the Peace of the Shires next to the same Cities and Townes, shall haue a meeting and conference with the head Officers of the said Cities & townes, how and in what good maner the Bakers & Brewers, and other housholders that shall also haue need to prouide Corne or Meale for the necessarie vse of the priuate housholders, may be prouided at the Markets nere to the same. And after due conference had hereof, there shall be by the Iustices of the Peace, and the foresaid head Officers some good orders set downe, such as both may serue for the needefull vse of the same Townes and Cities, & also may not by abuse giue cause of raising of prices in the Markets & Countreys adioyning. And where there shal be ad-

adioyning to the same Cities & Townes, or not farre distant, diuers Shires (as in many places such is the situation of them) there some of the Justices of euery Shire so adioyning, or not farre distant, shall vse such conference and take such orders with ỹ said Officers, as afore is mentioned. And in such cases the Justices of euery such Shire shall bee enformed mutually from the one Shire vnto the other, of the needful prouisions to be made from time to time for the said Cities & Townes, so as euery Shire may proportionably yeelde reasonable succour and relieke out of their Markets to the Pur-ueyors or to the Bakers & Brewers, as shall be requisite without burthening of the one, more then the other may reasonably beare. And if need shall require, the afore said principall Officers shall not refuse to acquaint the Justices, from whence the prouision shall be bought and prouided, how such prouisions so had & bought in Markets are spent, that by colour of such prouisions no abuse be committed to encrease the prices, and so to leaue the poore vnable to be relieued.

If there bee any speciall part within any Shire, that hath as a libertie by speciall Commissions any Justices of the Peace within the same, the Shiriffe of the Shire shall send vnto the principal owner or Officer of such Liberty, notice of these orders, & shall charge them that the Justices of the Peace within such Liberty doe

Order for places exempted from the iurisdiction of the Iustices of Peace in the bodies of the Shires.

doe their dueties for execution of all these Orders, as farre forth as shall be requisite; and therein also to vse by conference the aduise of some other Justices next adioyning:

Regard to stay all transportation of Graine out of the Realme.

That no transportation of Corne or Victuall be, but from port to port within this Realme, and that but in cases needfull, as for the prouisions of London, shipping, or such like. And that be done by the view & ouerseeing of his Maiesties officers of the Custome house of the port where the same shalbe laden, or of the most part of them, & of the chiefe magistrates of the town in which that port is, & also of some of the Commissioners of the county in which that port is, and for that purpose assigned. And that in such case good bonds with sufficient suerties be taken to his Maiesties vse for the deliuerie thereof at the port to which the same shall be assigned. And for bringing backe in conuenient time not only a true Certificate of the vnlading therof at the same port so assigned from his Maiesties officers of the Custome house of that port, to the Customer of the port where the same was laden: But also one other certificate from the chiefe Magistrate of the Towne of that port where the same shalbe assigned to be vnladen: And from some of the Commissioners of the Countie in which that Towne is, for the purpose assigned vnto the Commissioners and chiefe Magistrate of that port where the same was laden, of the due and iust vnlading thereof

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at the port assigned. And transcripts of those Certificates to bee made and certified into the Eschequer in the beginning of euery Terme.

And if the Commissioners for that purpose assigned, shall not doe their best endeauours to make stay of the transporting of Corne, as by authoritie of their Commission they ought to do, then any other Justice by authority of these Orders shal make stay of all such transportation, and in his so doing, shall bee allowed and maintained. And this is thought meet to be in this sort directed, for that it may bee doubted, that amongst so many as are appointed in the foresaid Commission against transportation, some may bee mistaken, being themselues either transporters, or friends or fauourers to transporters, or negligent in the execution of the charge committed to them.

Certificate to bee made of the execution of these Orders monethly to the Shiriffe, and he to certifie the same to the Priuy Counsel within euery fortie dayes.

That the Justices of the Peace doe once euery moneth certifie their doings and proceedings by force of these Instructions vnto the Shiriffe of the said Countie, in which certificate they shall also make certificate of such Justices as shall be absent from any of these seruices, and the true cause of their absence, and shal also certifie the vsuall prices of all kindes of Graine in their Markets for that moneth past: Of all which the same Shiriffe shall certifie to the Priuie Counsell without any delay, so as hee doe certifie once in euery fortie dayes at the furthest, and so as also the default in any Ju-

ſtice that ſhall bee abſent without neceſſarie cauſe, may be duely conſidered, and reformed by authoritie of his Maieſties Counſell, as reaſon ſhall require: whereby ſuch perſons as are placed as Juſtices, may not continue in thoſe roomes wherein they ſhall be found not diſpoſed to attend ſuch neceſſary and godly ſeruices as this is; but that others of better diſpoſition may ſupply thoſe roomes, if there ſhall be need of any ſuch number.

Speciall inquirie be made of thoſe that are great hoorders vp of Corne, and bring little quantitie to the Market, to the end from ſuch perſons prouiſion may be made for his Maieſties ſhipping, and other publique ſeruices, as need ſhall require.

And if any ſhall offend againſt the true meaning of theſe Inſtructions, or of any part thereof, or ſhall vſe any ſiniſter meane to the defrauding thereof, that ſuch be ſeuerely puniſhed according to the Lawes: and for ſuch obſtinate perſons as ſhall not conforme themſelues, the Juſtices ſhall at their diſcretion binde them to appeare before the Kings Maieſties Priuie Counſell by a day certaine, there to be further dealt with by ſeuere puniſhment, for the better enſample of all others.

Item, the Juſtices ſhall take order that the multitude of Badgers & Buyers both of Butter and Cheeſe, as alſo of Corne to ſell againe, may in euery Countie vpon conference among

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the Iustices bee reduced to a competent number, and those of the fittest persons for that purpose, and the residue to be remooued.

That such of these Badgers and Buyers as shall remaine, be onely permitted to make prouision to furnish the Markets of such Cities and other great Townes and places which otherwise are not able to bee sufficiently prouided for, of those prouisions in the Countreys neere adioyning, for that they are only needfull for those places.

That the Farmor or Maultster bee not permitted to sell to any such Badgers or Buyer, nor to any Baker or Brewer out of a Market, nor that any Badgers or Buyers to sell againe, bee permitted to buy any Corne, Butter or Cheese, but in the Market: Neither any Baker, Brewer, Badger or such Buyer as aforesaid to sell againe, be permitted to buy in any Market but two houres at the least after the full of the Market, whereby others may be serued of their particular prouisions: And then the Badger, Baker, and Buyer to sell againe, to take away the surplusage of the market onely.

To foresee that no couetous practises be vsed betweene the Farmor or Maultster, and the Badger, Broker, Brewer, or Buyer to sell againe, whereby the Farmor or other should deteine his Corne or Mault to the ende of the Market to the hinderance of the Market: But if any such be found, then such offender to be duely punished.

Higlers and Purueyors for the City of London, or any other City, not to bee permitted to buy Corne or other victuall but in open Market, and that two houres after the full Market, whereby the poorer sort may bee serued of that which they shall need, at competent prices: Neuertheless, for the better furnishing of your sayd Cities with necessary prouisions and in conuenient manner, it is ordered that further prouisions shall be from time to time made for them in such sort as the Lords of his Maiesties Councell shall further direct in that behalfe.

It is also ordered, that the feeding of sheepe with Pease or Beanes which is vsed in some Countries for food, bee specially forbidden, because in time of dearth the same may serue the poorer sort to make bread of.

That there be monthly a view taken what Corne any Farmor or other person vsing to sell Corne, hath both thrashed, and by estimation in the stoage, and to bee enioyned to sell none but in open Market, except to poore Artificers and day-labourers their neighbours, and to yeeld a due account to the Justices, of the expense of his Corne, and how much he doeth sell weekely in any Market.

That inquisition be made in what places Mault is commonly made to bee sold by such as are called Maulsters, and who they bee. And to take order, that by buying and ingrossing of Barley to make Mault, they doe not thereby

thereby ſtore vp greater quantity of Mault then they vſually bring into the Markets, thereby towards the end of the yere to increaſe the price thereof exceſſiuely. Of which abuſe the Juſtices are to take care to reforme the ſame, and to take order alſo that they ſhall buy their barley in open Market, and not at the Farmers houſes, thereby, to foreſtall the Markets, and to inhaunce the prices.

To take ſtrait order with the common Brewers, that they ſerue no Beere or Ale to any Alehouſekeeper, Victualler, or Tipler, but at ſuch rate and price as by the Juſtices of the Peace ſhalbe ſet downe and appointed by authority of the Statute of 23. H 8. cap. 4. And yet the ſame to bee well ſodden and well brewed of wholeſome graine as it ought to be, vpon paine of to bee impoſed by the Juſtices.

That Alehouſekeepers ſuffer none to eat and tipple, or victaile in their houſes, but ſuch as are wayfaring men, that ſhall take the ſame to refreſh themſelues in their paſſage or iourney, or ſuch as ſhalbe appointed to lodge or take dyet in their houſes, but to deliuer out of their houſes that quantitie of drinke which their neighboures of the poorer ſort ſhall haue need of, to bee drunke in the houſes of thoſe who fetch or ſend for the ſame, and not elſe where.

To permit no tipling at all on the Sabboth day, or holy day in time of Diuine ſeruice.

That no Victualler, Tipler, or Alehouſe-

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keeper, shall permit and suffer any person or persons to lodge in his house aboue a day and a night, but such as he will answere for, as the Statutes in that behalfe made doe require.

To giue straight order and charge to euery Constable, or other inferiour Officer to whom it may appertaine, that euery of them shall once in euery fifteen dayes search and enquire of the defaults and disorders aforesaid, and shall informe the Justices of the Peace of the same defaults and disorders, if any be, that the offenders therein may thereupon bee proceeded on and punished according to the Law. And if it shall seeme to the Justice, that the Petie Constable be either a Victualler, or one that shall fauour the Victuallers in their faults, then some other meet person to bee appointed to make the said Inquisition and Certificate.

No Tipler to buy any goods of any wayfaring man, or other, that shall bring the same to their houses to sell, but of such as shall be well knowen vnto them to be of honest conuersation, and whom they shalbe able alwayes to produce, or haue to be forth comming.

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